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COAST GUARD FOR POLAD

1. ISRAELI/EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT. SOLIDITY OF AGREEMENT
QUESTIONED THROUGHOUT DAY BY WIRE SERVICE STORIES FROM
ISRAEL AND EGYPT. EMERGENCY ISRAELI CABINET MEETING, AND
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FAILURE ISRAELI MEDIA ANNOUNCE AGREEMENT AT EXPECTED TIME,
FUELED SPECULATION THAT AGREEMENT FALLING APART. PRESS
SPECULATION ON REASONS FOR ISRAELI RESERVATIONS CENTERED
ON FAILURE OF AGREEMENT TO MENTION EGYPTIAN BLOCKADE OF

BAB EL-MANDEB STRAITS, ON EXPLICITNESS OF MENTION OF RETURN TO OCTOBER 22 LINES, AND ON REQUIREMENT FOR IDF TURN OVER CHECKPOINTS ON CAIRO-SUEZ ROAD TO U.N. SERVICES REPORTED THAT MRS. MEIR MET WITH AMBASSADOR KEATING AND THROUGH HIM COMMUNICATED WITH SECRETARY. AFTER SIX-HOUR CABINET MEETING, ENDING 1800 EST, ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED THAT "ISRAEL'S POSITIVE DECISION IN PRINCIPLE TOWARD SIGNATURE OF CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT REMAINS IN FORCE. THERE WILL BE FURTHER CONTACT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE USG ON THIS

MATTER." PRESS SPECULATIONS CONTINUE THAT THIS CABINET ANNOUNCEMENT MEANS THAT EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT, WHICH SYG HAD BEEN ASKED TO ARRANGE FOR NOV 10, MIGHT BE DELAYED.

2. WIRE SERVICE REPORTS FROM CAIRO INDICATE THAT EGYPTIAN VERSION OF AGREEMENT USED BY CAIRO MEDIA DIFFERED FROM SIX-POINT VERSION RELEASED IN WASHINGTON. EGYPTIAN VERSION, ACCORDING SERVICES, IGNORES MENTION OF POINTS REFERRING TO ENCIRCLED THIRD ARMY AND TO ISRAELI CHECKPOINTS ON EGYPTIAN SOIL. ACCORDING FBIS, FOUR-POINT EGYPTIAN VERSION IS THAT AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR (1) IMPLEMENTATION OF SC'S CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION AND RETURN TO OCT 22 LINES, (2) ALL THESE STEPS TO BE COMPLETED UNDER U.N. SUPERVISION, (3) HONORING BY PARTIES OF THEIR PLEDGES REGARDING TREATMENT OF POWS, AND (4) THAT SOUND IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL THIS IS CONSIDERED FIRST STEP TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION OF SC RESOLUTIONS LEADING TOWARD PEACE. REUTER REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT SADAT STAYED AWAY FROM DINNER FOR PRESIDENT OF NIGER DUE TO REPORTS OF ISRAELI SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT AGREEMENT. UPI, IN CONTRAST TO OTHER SERVICES, REPORTED THAT EGYPTIAN MFA RELEASED TEXT OF AGREEMENT AT PROPER TIME, "AS AGREED BEFOREHAND."

3. OTHER REACTION TO AGREEMENT INCLUDES REUTER REPORT FROM MOSCOW THAT AS OF FOUR HOURS AFTER TEXT RELEASED,
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SOVIET MEDIA HAD NOT CARRIED IT. REUTER SPECULATES THAT SOVIETS' NOSES OUT OF JOINT AT RAPIDITY OF SECRETARY'S SEIZURE OF DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE. REPORT SAYS THAT PRAVDA CARRIED ONE-PARA ITEM ON RESUMPTION U.S.-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS. JERUSALEM RADIO REPORTS THAT ACTING CHAIRMAN OF JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE IN TEL AVIV SPEECH NOV 9 SAW "SERIOUS DANGER" IN NEW AGREEMENT, AND ALLEGED THAT PROVISION FOR TALKS ON RETURN TO OCT 22 LINES NOT INCLUDED IN ORIGINAL VERSION PRESENTED TO ISRAEL.

HE WARNED THAT THERE IS SECRET KISSINGER-SADAT DEAL TO IMPLEMENT ROGERS PLAN. SAUDI ARABIA'S MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS REPORTEDLY TOLD PRESS IN RIYADH THAT SAUDI ARABIA WAS PLEASED WITH ANY STEP, SUCH AS NEW AGREEMENT, WHICH WOULD LEAD TO ISRAELI

WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS.

4. U.N. AND NEW AGREEMENT. AMIDST MOUNTING REPORTS OF RESERVATIONS AND VARYING INTERPRETATIONS OF NEW AGREEMENT, U.N. WENT AHEAD WITH PLANS TO ARRANGE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI MEETING FOR NOV 10, AT 0800 EST, AS KISSINGER TO WALDHEIM LETTER REQUESTED. EGYPTIAN INSISTENCE LATE NOV 9 THAT

NEW AGREEMENT MEANS THAT IDF MUST WITHDRAW IMMEDIATELY TO OCT 22 LINES, AND MUST EVACUATE AT ONCE ITS POSITION AROUND SUEZ CITY AND AT ADABIYA, SOUTH OF SUEZ CITY, HAS ENDANGERED AGREEMENT. DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS ARE NOW IN TRAIN TO KEEP AGREEMENT ALIVE.

5. UNEF AND OBSERVERS. UNSYG HAS ASKED SC CONCURRENCE IN HIS INTENTION TO APPOINT GENERAL SIILASVUO PERMANENT UNEF COMMANDER. USG RESPONSE EXPECTED TO BE POSITIVE. ACCORDING REUTER, SYG WALDHEIM HAS BEEN GIVEN GO-AHEAD TO ADD 36 SOVIET OFFICERS AND 28 AMERICANS TO UNTSO (THERE ARE NOW 8 AMERICANS WITH UNTSO). REPORT ADDED THAT EXPECTED CHINESE OPPOSITION TO THIS MOVE DID NOT MATERIALIZE DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT. IRISH UNEF CONTINGENT OF 117 MEMBERS HAS MOVED TO AREA BETWEEN IDF AND EGYPTIAN 2ND ARMY IN NORTHERN CANAL AREA AND, ACCORDING IDF SPOKESMAN, WILL TAKE UP POSITION NOV 10.

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6. MILITARY SITUATION. NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS BEYOND THOSE REPORTED SITREP 104. DAO BEIRUT, HOWEVER, REPORTED THAT HIS SWISS COLLEAGUE, AFTER RETURN FROM THREE-DAY VISIT IN DAMASCUS, SAID WARSAW PACT ATTACHES IN DAMASCUS "FULLY EXPECT" SYRIANS TO REOPEN HOSTILITIES IN NEXT FEW DAYS, AT LEAST ON LIMITED BASIS. REPORT STATES THAT SYRIAN PEOPLE, WHO UNAWARE EXTENT OF ISRAELI PENETRATION, WOULD ACCEPT THIS AS NATURAL EXTENSION OF SYRIAN SUCCESS IN BATTLE. PURPOSE OF MOVE, ACCORDING REPORT, WOULD BE TO REMIND U.S., SOVIETS, AND ISRAEL, THAT EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI FRONT IS NOT ONLY FRONT TO BE DEALT WITH. RUSH

NOTE BY OC/T: POUCHES SUVA, BANJUL, CURACAO AND MARTINIQUE.

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